



## RESOLUTION

URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO DESIGNATE PEARL HARBOR AS THE HOME PORT OF A PACIFIC FLEET AIRCRAFT CARRIER GROUP.

WHEREAS, the United States Navy currently splits its twelve aircraft carriers evenly between the Pacific and the Atlantic, with six on the East Coast, five on the West Coast, and one in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the end of the Cold War has brought a shift in military concern to the Pacific, with potential flashpoints on the Korean peninsula and between China and Taiwan, nuclear nations Pakistan and India, and insurgency and terrorism worries out of Indonesia and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, influential and knowledgeable leaders have spoken out on the need for another Pacific carrier group, including:

- Admiral Walter Doran, Pacific Fleet commander, who in 2003 stated that an aircraft carrier may be moved permanently to Pearl Harbor or Guam so that the Navy could respond quickly to problems in the Asia-Pacific theater, and in 2004 added that Pearl Harbor is the most logical place in the Pacific to base an aircraft carrier;
- Gordon England, Secretary of the Navy, who in 2004 noted that the Navy is exploring whether to assign a nuclear aircraft carrier to Pearl Harbor; and
- Then-Admiral Thomas Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific forces, who in a 2004 speech said that the Pacific should get another aircraft carrier;

and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2003, the Navy set aside \$1.8 million to study the possibility of basing a carrier in Hawaii, which a Navy spokesman characterized as an internal Navy study conducted by its engineers to gather data in order to determine whether Pearl Harbor's piers, facilities, and utilities can support a carrier; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Navy's largest and most strategic island base in the Pacific, Pearl Harbor:

- Is currently the home port of eleven warships and sixteen submarines;
- Is served by and vitally linked with the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility; and



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- Has already served as the home port for a carrier group during World War II;

and

WHEREAS, while Kalaeloa is often mentioned as the sole site for a potential carrier's air wing, Senator Daniel Inouye has proposed a dispersal of the carrier's 70 to 80 aircraft at Kalaeloa, the Marine Corps Base at Kaneohe Bay, Wheeler Army Airfield and Barking Sands on Kauai as a way to minimize the impact of jet noise on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, although cost factors are always a concern with regard to federal budgetary constraints, one estimate places the cost of basing a carrier group in the Pacific at \$2.2 billion for Hawaii, compared to \$5 billion for Guam; and

WHEREAS, state legislators and business leaders have estimated that home porting a carrier group in Pearl Harbor would create 4,200 new jobs and pump \$375 million a year into the local economy, and that recent economic studies by Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia (the naval base at Norfolk is the home port for five Navy carriers) estimate that Hawaii could reap \$333 million in personal income annually if a carrier was based at Pearl Harbor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Secretary of the Navy to designate Pearl Harbor as the home port of a Pacific fleet aircraft carrier group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council pledges its support toward this effort, and further, that it will work in coordination with the State of Hawaii; military, business and community leaders; and the residents of Hawaii to ensure the success of a Pacific fleet aircraft carrier group home ported at Pearl Harbor; and



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 05-153

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of the Navy, the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the Governor, and the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY:

*[Handwritten signatures]*  
Hon. K. K. K. K.  
Hon. M. K. K.  
Hon. H. K.  
Hon. K. K.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**APR 21 2005**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 05-153**

Introduced: 4/21/05 By: CHARLES DJOU

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO DESIGNATE PEARL HARBOR AS THE HOME PORT OF A PACIFIC FLEET AIRCRAFT CARRIER GROUP.

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Executive Matters	4/28/05	CR-223 – Resolution reported out of committee for adoption.
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Kobayashi.....	Y	Marshall.....	Y	Okino.....	Y	Tam .....	Y		

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER